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REF: DAR ES SALAAM 3766, 0087, 0641, AND 0887 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: PORT OF DAR ES SALAAM CONGESTION PROBLEM CONTINUES TO WORSEN WITH SHIPS WAITING THREE WEEKS OR MORE TO COME ALONGSIDE QUAY. SURCHARGES OF 30 PERCENT (EUROPEAN LINES) AND 25 PERCENT (AMERICAN LINES) HAVE BEEN PLACED ON DAR ES SALAAM CARGOS. AT SAME TIME EAST AFRICAN HARBOURS CORPORATION, IN GENERAL HIKE IN PORT CHARGES, HAS INCREASED ZAMBIA'S HERETOFORE SUBSIDIZED WHARFAGE CHARGES TO LEVEL OF OTHER USERS. INCREASE HAS CAUSED CRYS OF PAIN
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DAR NEXT WEEK TO NEGOTIATE REDUCTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. RESIDENT SHIPPING LINE REPRESENTATIVE INFORMS US THAT EUROPEAN CONFERENCE LINES ARE PLACING 30 PERCENT CONGESTION SURCHARGE (PRESENTLY BACKED AT 15 PERCENT) ON ALL DAR ES SALAAM CARGOS LOADED AFTER MAY 12. CONFERENCE LINES INFORMED TANGOV AND EAST AFRICAN HARBORS CORP. (EAHC) OF THIS SURCHARGE THE END OF APRIL.

3. INCREASE IN EUROPEAN SURCHARGE FOLLOWS ANNOUNCEMENT, APPEARING IN MAY 9 EAST AFRICAN STANDARD (NAIROBI) STATING THAT US ATLANTIC ANF GULF COAST LINES HAVE PLACED 25 PERCENT SURCHARGE ON DAR ES SALAAM CARGOS.

4. SHIP BERTHING QUEUE OUTSIDE DAR ES SALAAM TYPICALLY INCLUDES 20 OR MORE SHIPS. SHIPPING LINE REPRESENTATIVE HAS INFORMED HIS EMPLOYER THAT SHIPS SHOULD PLAN TO WAIT 21 DAYS TO PULL ALONGSIDE AND 9 DAYS FOR STREAM BERTH. TO ILLUSTRATE: FARRELL LINE SHIP AFRICAN SUN JOINED QUEUE APRIL 24 AND EXPECTING TO BERTH MAY 15. LAST WEEK, NORWEGIAN CAPTAIN, ANNOYED AT COSTLY DELAYS HERE, ARBITRARILY SAILED HIS SHIP TO TANGA AND DISCHARGED 900 TONS OF DAR-MANIFESTED CARGO.

5. CAUSES OF HARBOR CONGESTION CONTINUE TO BE SAME BASIC MANAGE-MENT PROBLEM OF MOVING CARGO THROUGH PORT WHICH WE HAVE REPORTED OVER LAST 9 MONTHS (SEE REFTELS). SITUATION COMPLICATED AT PRESENT BY UNUSUALLY HEAVY RAINS WHICH STARTED IN EARLY APRIL (AND ARE CMNTINUING INTO MAY) WHICH INCREASE FURTHER THE TIME SHIPS ARE IN PORT.

6. TO ADD TO CONFUSION EAHC ANNOUNCED INCREASES ON ALL SHIP AND CARGO HANDLING CHARGES. WHARFAGE CHARGES ON ZAMBIAN CARGOS, WHICH HERETOFORE HAVE BEEN MUCH LOWER THAN STANDARD RATES, HAVE NOW BEEN BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH RATES PAID BY OTHER PORT USERS. (FYI - ZAMBIANS, HOWEVER, STILL ARE NOT CHARGED REGULAR PORT STORAGE CHARGES.) ZAMBIANS ARE UPSET OVER THESE INCREASSS AND HAVE THREATENED, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, TO SUSPEND COPPER SHIPMENTS THROUGH EAHC PORTS. ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA, HERE FOR FOUR-NATION FOREIGN MINISTER CONFERENCE, HAS CALLED FOR TANZANIAN ASSISTANCE IN REDUCING OR CANCELLING NEW INCREASES IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PORT CHARGES. MWAANGA CLAIMS INCREASES WILL COST ZAMBIA ROUGHLY 7 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS EXTRA A YEAR. DAILY NEWS ALSO REPORTS THAT KUANDA'S LETTER ON SUBJECT HAS BEEN DELIVERED TM NYERSRE WHO IS PRESENTLY VACATIONING IN HIS HOMETOWN OF BUTIAMA. NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT NEXT WEEK ZAMBIAN DELEGATION WILL FLY TM DAR TM NEGOTIATE MATTER WITH EAHC. (SEE ZAMBIA 895 FOR REACTION IN LUSAKA TO HIKE IN DAR PORT FEES.)
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